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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT



Town of  
**EASTON**  
New Hampshire  
Year ending December 31, 1983



*This Report is Dedicated to*  
**JACK & PEG KENNEY**  
Owners and operators of  
Tamarack Tennis Camp of Easton since 1946.  
Photo by Russ Towne



# Town of Easton, New Hampshire ANNUAL REPORT of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1983

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The picture on the front cover: Mount Kinsman from Sugar Hill Road. Photo by Russ Towne.

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## TOWN OFFICERS

### Board of Selectmen

ROBERT WUTZDORFF (Term expires 1984)

CHARLES CHASE (Term expires 1985)

FRANCIS P. GARVAN II (Term expires 1986)

#### Town Clerk

VIRGINIA LEIGHTON

#### Tax Collector

FONTELLE SILVER

#### Treasurer

VINCENT McGROARY

#### Auditor

PATTY CLARK

#### Fire Superintendent

STANLEY SHERBURN

#### Chief of Police

EDWARD CUTTER

#### Moderator

STEPHEN NORTH

### Supervisors of the Checklist

FONTELLE SILVER (1984)

JANICE McGROARY (1988)

HELEN SOPER (1988)

#### Trustee of the Trust Funds

HARRIET CORBRAN

#### Lafayette School Board

JANICE McGROARY (1984)

#### Library Trustees

MARGARET WHITCOMB (1984)

LORIE SHERBURN (1985)

BERNICE CUTTER (1986)

#### Cemetery Trustees

FORREST LIBBY (1984)

RUTH TOWNE (1985)

SCOTT MANNING (1986)

#### Planning Board - Four Year Term

DENNIS FORD (1984) EDWARD CUTTER (1986)

GARY HARWOOD (1984) ROBERT WUTZDORFF (1987)

MARY ELLEN BARNES (1985)

#### Board of Adjustment - Five Year Term

KAY GLOVER (1984) DONNA NORTH (1986)

DENNIS FORD (1985) HAROLD KLUMBACH (1987)

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

Two significant improvements to the Town Hall were completed this year with funds appropriated at the 1983 Annual Meeting. A lighted fire exit sign, emergency lighting and panic bar hardware were installed in the front entryway. Emergency lighting was installed in the meeting hall and kitchen. The back door was fitted with panic bar hardware. The Town Hall well was dug out, repacked with gravel and new tiles were set in place. The water supply was greatly improved and is now adequate in the kitchen and bathrooms. Additionally, a temperature sensitive warning system was installed to reduce the chance of freeze-up occurring in the Town Hall.

Easton is currently undergoing a period of growth as indicated by the number of new building permits issued this year. By 1986 all towns in New Hampshire must have a Master Plan to support their Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. The development of Easton's Master Plan will be a major project during the next two years and will offer all of us an opportunity to address the question of growth as well as other concerns for the future of our community.

The Board of Selectmen is still concerned about the most practical and cost-efficient way to provide fire protection for the Town. Franconia and Sugar Hill continue to provide Easton with excellent fire protection but we are continuing to explore the possibility of establishing our own department.

During the past year, Easton has joined with several of its neighboring towns to form a Solid Waste Planning District. These districts, which are required by state law, will be engaged in planning and managing the disposal of solid wastes in the future. New regulations on solid waste disposal will mean that disposal costs will be increasing significantly.

We would like to express our thanks to the other Town Officers for the time and effort they have spent on conducting the Town's business. If anyone in Easton has an interest in participating in Town government, please get in touch with any Town Officer. Due to Easton's size, there is always a need for people who want to become actively involved in the community.

Selectmen of Easton

Charles C. Chase  
Francis P. Garvan II  
Robert G. Wutzdorff



## TOWN OF EASTON TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	450.00
Selectman	350.00
Selectman	350.00
Tax Collector	450.00
Town Clerk	225.00
Treasurer	225.00
Auditor	100.00
Moderator	50.00

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 to construct a ramp and install a new door to the Town Hall. This new ramp and doorway will allow entrance to the Town Hall by physically handicapped people and will be built to federal specifications.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 to support the local outreach program provided by Grafton County Community Action.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying Town expenses in anticipation of tax revenues, if necessary.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195.00 to be paid to Ross Ambulance Service as a condition for continued emergency medical transportation.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Solid Waste Transf. Station	\$563.59

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181.50 for the White Mountain Mental Health Program.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$495.00 for the Franconia-Sugar Hill-Easton Chamber of Commerce.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the Littleton Hospital.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$208.00 for the North Country Council.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$212.00 for the North Country Home Health Agency.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Franconia Recreation Program.

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as is stated in the proposed budget for repairs to Town highways and bridges, general expenses of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town building, and other necessary Town expenses.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40.00 for Solid Waste District Planning.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be matched by State funds for the purchase of equipment to be used by the Town Fire Warden for fighting forest fires.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to go on record in support of immediate actions by the Federal Government to control and reduce acid rain which is harmful to the environment and economy of Easton and to the health and welfare of the people of Easton. These actions shall include:

1. Reduce by at least half the major cause of acid rain, sulfur dioxide emissions, by the year 1990.
2. Conclude negotiations and adopt a treaty with the government of Canada that will commit both nations to this same goal.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation and to the President of the United States.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town of Easton shall call upon the Governor and the Executive Council, its State Representative and State Senator to promptly convene a Special Session of the Legislature for the sole purpose of preventing the imposition of huge cost increases in electric rates resulting from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant on the citizens, businesses, schools and agencies in the Town of Easton, and to direct the Selectmen to promptly notify our above listed officials of the Town's desire.

Selectmen of Easton

Charles C. Chase  
Francis P. Garvan II  
Robert G. Wutzdorff

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Cash on Hand	\$34,865.93
Uncollected Property Tax	3,665.00
Uncollected Resident Tax	90.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Fund	563.59
Returned Check	<u>164.00</u>
 Total Assets	 \$39,348.52
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
School District Payable	\$14,895.41
Yield Tax Escrow Accounts	1,733.05
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Fund	<u>563.59</u>
Total Liabilities	\$17,192.05
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities (Surplus)	<u>22,156.47</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$39,348.52

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1983	Actual 1983	Estimated 1984
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Resident Taxes	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,000.00
Yield Taxes	2,000.00	64.00	2,300.00
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues:</b>			
Meals & Rooms Tax	800.00	0	0
Interest & Dividends Tax	217.00	0	0
Savings Bank Tax	150.00	0	0
Highway Subsidy-State Highway			
Block Grant	1,000.00	2,545.24	2,442.75
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest			
Land	0	690.32	650.00
Business Profits	600.00	258.82	0
U. S. Entitlement	1,500.00	1,238.00	1,200.00
Nat. Forest Reserve	5,600.00	10,748.36	5,600.00
State Revenue Sharing	0	1,866.61	1,800.00
State-Dist of certain motor vehicle fees	0	109.10	100.00
<b>Licenses and Permits:</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,000.00	7,785.40	6,000.00
Dog Licenses	125.00	144.90	125.00
Building Permits	0	132.42	100.00
Pistol Permits	0	12.00	12.00
<b>Charges For Services:</b>			
Interest on Deposit	0	1,892.81	1,200.00
Town History	0	84.00	20.00
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues:</b>			
Misc. Revenue	0	99.73	0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Revenue Sharing Fund	1,332.00		
Insurance Acc., Indemnity		1,105.82	0
Less Motor Vehicle Insufficient Funds Check		-159.00	
Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 20,324.00	\$ 29,728.53	\$ 22,549.75

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations		Actual	Appropriations
	1983	1983		1984
<b>General Government:</b>				
Town Officers' Salary	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,199.20		\$ 2,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	1,557.70		2,000.00
Election & Registration Exps.	500.00	331.79		1,100.00
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00		500.00
General Government Bldgs.	2,500.00	2,055.51		2,500.00
Reappraisal of Property	500.00	508.25		500.00
Planning & Zoning	250.00	164.69		450.00
Legal Expenses	100.00	0		100.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.				
Art. 15 & 17 ('82)	648.00	693.00		693.00
Tax Map Maintenance	250.00	235.00		265.00
<b>Public Safety:</b>				
Police Department	2,100.00	1,127.78		1,300.00
Fire Department	7,500.00	7,965.00		7,500.00
Building Inspection	500.00	0		0
8123 Phone	0	407.75		450.00
<b>Highways, Streets &amp; Bridges:</b>				
General Highway Dept. Exps.	10,000.00	9,508.36		10,000.00
<b>Sanitation:</b>				
Solid Waste Disposal	3,500.00	3,059.14		4,000.00
Solid Waste District Planning				
1983 Art. 15	0	0		40.00
<b>Health:</b>				
Health Department	50.00	15.00		15.00
1982 Report, Article 10, 16	795.00	795.00		795.00
1982 Report, Article 18	212.00	212.00		212.00
1982 Report, Article 13	181.50	181.50		181.50
<b>Welfare:</b>				
General Assistance 1982 Article 7	31.00	31.00		50.00
<b>Culture and Recreation:</b>				
Library	300.00	300.00		0
Parks & Recreation 1982				
Article 14	1,100.00	1,100.00		1,000.00

<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation	0	0	0
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
1982 Article 4	2,000.00	400.00	
1982 Article 5 (1)	500.00	431.05	
1982 Article 5 (3)	500.00	250.00	
1983 Article 3			3,000.00
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Insurance	2,800.00	2,768.00	2,000.00
Forest Fire Equip. (Matching funds) 1983 Article 16	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/> <u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 42,017.50</b>	<b>\$ 36,796.72</b>	<b>\$ 41,851.50</b>

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Building	\$ 93,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,300.00
Library, Furniture and Equipment	2,200.00
Police Department Equipment	1,200.00
Fire Department Equipment	<u>1,100.00</u>
 Total	 <u>\$101,300.00</u>

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$2,379,159.00
Buildings	3,782,000.00
Electric Utilities	159,900.00
Mobile Homes	<u>3,200.00</u>
 GROSS VALUATION	 <u>\$6,324,259.00</u>
Less Elderly Exemption	<u>2,500.00</u>
 NET VALUATION (on which Tax Rate is computed)	 <u>\$6,321,759.00</u>
Increase in Net Valuation - 1983	237,925.00

1983 Tax Rate		%
TOWN	\$ 1.84	16.65
COUNTY	2.43	21.99
SCHOOL	6.78	61.36
	<u>\$11.05</u>	<u>/\$1000</u> <u>100.00</u>

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee for the year 1983. I have found all accounts, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and in proper order.

Patricia Clark  
Auditor

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1983 Auto Permits - 185	\$7,770.00
1983 Dog Licenses - 28	131.90
1 Kennel License - 3 Dogs	13.00
Town Histories - 12	48.00
Cards	2.40
Filing Fees - 5	<u>5.00</u>
 Paid to Town Treasurer	 \$7,970.30

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Leighton  
Town Clerk

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 42,017.50
Less Est. Revenues and Credits	<u>20,324.00</u>
Net Town Appropriation	\$ 21,693.50
Net School Tax	50,488.53
County Tax	<u>15,460.00</u>
Total - Town, School, County	\$ 87,642.03
Add War Service Credits	<u>650.00</u>
	\$ 88,292.03
From Surplus	18,359.03
Property Taxes to be raised	70,583.00
Less War Service Credits	<u>650.00</u>
Taxes committed to Collector	\$ 69,933.00

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**

**Levies of 1982 & 1983 - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes**

**DEBITS**

	Levies of:	
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 4,904.83
Resident Taxes		140.00
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	69,933.00	
Resident Taxes	1,190.00	
Yield Taxes	64.00	
Added Taxes		
Resident Taxes		60.00
Overpayments		
a/c Property Taxes	314.77	79.73
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes	124.24	458.96
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	<u>2.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$71,628.01</b>	<b>\$ 5,648.52</b>
	CREDITS	
Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes	\$66,565.77	\$ 4,984.56
Resident Taxes	1,020.00	90.00
Yield Taxes	64.00	
Interest Collected During Year	124.24	458.96
Penalties on Resident Taxes	2.00	5.00
Abatements Made During Year		
Property Taxes	17.00	
Resident Taxes	80.00	110.00
Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year (As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	3,665.00	
Resident Taxes	<u>90.00</u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$71,628.01</b>	<b>\$ 5,648.52</b>

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy of 1983

Property Taxes:	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Tax</u>
	\$	\$
Bernstein, Ancel & Evelyn	42.00	
Brooks, Ralph & Esther	28.00	
Buxton, Frank	186.00	
Carignan, Richard & Theresa	144.00	
Kendall, Frederick	3.81	120.00
Leigher, Norman F.	2.81	89.00
Place, Vincent	4.63	140.00
Raynor, Craig & Marie	5.54	170.00
Vogel, Mark R.	9.72	476.00
Sherburn, Stanley & Lorie		186.00
Simpson, Stuart & Deborah	21.87	696.00
Towle, George & Donna	14.86	473.00
Zee-Bar, Inc.	6.57	251.00
Shepard, David & Alice	<u>6.41</u>	<u>664.00</u>
	\$ 76.22	\$3,665.00

### Resident Taxes:

Lisa Barnes	\$10.00
David Fortier	10.00
Irving Locke	10.00
Craig Raynor	10.00
Marie Raynor	10.00
Richard Steketee	10.00
Walter Woods	10.00
Eunice Woods	10.00
Susan Drew	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$90.00

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1983, on account of tax levy of 1983, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fontelle A. Silver  
Tax Collector

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1983

### DEBITS

Tax Sales on Account of Levies of -----	1982	1981
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Beginning Fiscal Year*	\$ 607.77	\$ 40.52
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year**	1,316.01	
Interest Collected After Sale	199.58	
Redemption Costs	<u>64.40</u>	<u>        </u>
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$2,187.76</b>	<b>\$ 40.52</b>
CREDITS		
Remittances to Treasurer During Year		
Redemptions	\$1,811.16	\$
Interest & Costs After Sale	263.98	
Deeded To Town During Year	<u>112.62</u>	<u>40.52</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$2,187.76</b>	<b>\$ 40.52</b>

\*These sums represent the total of Unredeemed Taxes, as of January 1, 1983 from Tax Sales held in Previous Fiscal Year.

\*\*Amount of Tax Sale held during current fiscal year, including total amount of taxes, interest and cost to date of sale.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand - January 1, 1983	\$ 34,176.54
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector	75,389.67
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	7,970.30
State of New Hampshire	16,218.45
Selectmen	158.22
Federal Sources	2,570.15
Interest on General Fund	1,431.06
Certificate of Deposit	20,461.75
Indemnity Insurance Set Off Acct.	1,105.82
Miscellaneous Sources	<u>755.38</u>
Less Check Returned for Insufficient Funds	<u>160,237.34</u>
	<u>159.00</u>
Total Receipts to General Fund	160,078.34
1983 Selectmen's Orders	<u>125,212.41</u>
Balance, January 1, 1984	\$ 34,865.93

Vincent M. McGroary  
Treasurer

## REVENUE SHARING FUND REPORT

Total Available Funds, January 1, 1983	\$ 1,332.15
Brought Forward to General Fund	<u>1,332.15</u>
	<u>\$ 0</u>
Entitlement Payments, 1983	\$ 473.00
Interest	90.59
Total Available Funds, January 1, 1984	<u>\$ 563.59</u>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

**From Tax Collector:**

Property Taxes, 1982 Levy	\$ 4,984.56
Property Tax Interest, 1982 Levy	416.96
Resident Tax, 1982 Levy	90.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1982 Levy	5.00
Property Tax, 1983 Levy	66,565.77
Property Tax Interest, 1983 Levy	124.24
Resident Tax, 1983 Levy	1,020.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1983 Levy	2.00
Yield Tax	64.00
Tax Sales	276.50
Tax Sales Redeemed	1,753.93
Tax Sale Costs	42.00
Interest and Costs After Tax Sales	<u>44.71</u>

Total \$ 75,389.67

**From Town Clerk:**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 7,770.00
Dog Licenses	144.90
Filing Fees	5.00
Town Histories	<u>50.40</u>

Total \$ 7,970.30

**From State of New Hampshire:**

Highway Subsidy	\$ 2,545.24
National Forest Reserve Funds (1982)	5,602.07
1/2 1982 Business Profits Tax	258.82
National Forest Reserve Funds	5,146.29
State and Federal Forest Land Reimb.	690.32
Revenue Sharing Distribution	1,866.61
Motor Vehicle Fee Distribution	<u>109.10</u>

Total \$ 16,218.45

**From Selectmen:**

Building Permits	\$ 132.42*
Pistol Permits	12.00
Town Histories	12.00
Postcards	<u>1.80</u>

Total \$ 158.22

\*Includes Variance Fees

Federal Entitlement, Lands	\$ 1,238.00
Federal Revenue Sharing Article 12	\$ 1,332.15
Yield Tax Bonds	\$ 625.45
Interest on General Fund	\$ 1,431.06

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Certificate of Deposit:	
Principal	\$ 20,000.00
Interest	<u>        461.75</u>
Total	\$ 20,461.75
Indemnity Insurance Set-Off Account	\$ 1,105.82
Miscellaneous Sources:	
Town Histories Sold	\$ 32.00
Property Maps	6.00
Pole License	5.00
Fee for returned check	5.00
Kinsman Club, Vacuum Cleaner Reimb.	<u>          81.93</u>
Total	\$ 129.93
Less check returned for insufficient funds	\$126,060.80 <u>              159.00</u>
Total 1983 Receipts	\$125,901.80

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

**Town Officers' Salaries:**

Charles Chase	\$ 430.05
Francis P. Garvan	285.00
Robert G. Wutzdorff	240.00
Vincent M. McGroary	225.00
Fontelle A. Silver	450.00
Virginia Leighton	225.00
Patricia Clark	100.00
Robert Gorgone	50.00
Roderick K. Glover	129.15
C. Marte Colton	<u>65.00</u>

Total

\$ 2,199.20

**Town Officers' Expenses:**

New Hampshire Municipal Association	\$ 300.00
N. H. Tax Collector's Assoc.	15.00
N. H. Town Clerk's Assoc.	12.00
Virginia Leighton	36.79
Lori Sherburn	100.35
Fontelle Silver	200.55
Robert G. Wutzdorff	39.80
Roderick K. Glover	7.98
Littleton Courier	56.24
Harrison Publishing	611.75
Postmaster, Franconia, NH	121.54
Brown and Saltmarsh, Inc.	<u>55.70</u>

Total

\$ 1,557.70

**Election and Registration:**

Harrison Publishing	\$ 83.00
Town of Franconia	42.92
Janice McGroary	23.45
Helen Soper	51.93
Bernice Ford	21.78
Bernice Cutter	21.78
Fontelle A. Silver	51.93
Miriam Wutzdorff	17.50
Margaret Whitcomb	<u>17.50</u>

Total

\$ 331.79

Town Hall Expense:	
Franconia Hardware	\$ 169.91
Public Service Company of NH	223.99
New England Telephone	240.84
Wetherbee Oil Co.	638.15
Franconia Gas	129.00
Robert C. Glover, II Art. 5	431.05
A. P. Lemire Art. 5	250.00
David Hunt's Garage Art. 4	400.00
H. A. Holt & Sons	19.12
Edward Cutter	180.00
Stanley Sherburn	450.00
Charles Chase	<u>4.50</u>
Total	\$ 3,136.56
Transfer Station	\$ 3,059.14
Reappraisal of Property:	
Maynard White	\$ 508.25
Planning and Zoning:	
Littleton Courier	\$ 56.24
Harrison Publishing Co.	67.00
C. A. Wood, Register	12.00
Kay Colton	7.75
H. Klumbach	<u>21.70</u>
Total	\$ 164.69
Police Department:	
Edward Cutter	\$ 1,081.78
Two-Way Communication Service	<u>46.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,127.78
8123 Line:	
Grafton County Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 367.00
Town of Franconia	<u>40.75</u>
Total	\$ 407.75
Fire Department:	
Durand Cooley	\$ 25.00
Twin State Fireman's Association	1,000.00
Town of Franconia	4,540.00
Town of Sugar Hill	<u>2,400.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,965.00

Road Maintenance:	
General:	
Robert P. Peckett, III	\$ 514.00
Summer:	
Robert P. Peckett, III	2,610.75
Campton Sand and Gravel	25.85
Grayden Peckett	<u>360.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,996.60
Winter:	
Robert P. Peckett, III	\$ 5,715.25
Northco Industries	10.00
International Salt Co.	<u>272.51</u>
Total	\$ 5,997.76
Tax Refunds:	
Edgar Cooper	\$ 22.70
Irving Laughlin	186.00
M. A. Delage	79.73
M & J Leahy	15.00
Peter Hussey	32.77
Leslie Hankins, Jr.	19.00
J & K Wilcox	174.00
J. Eastburn	<u>74.00</u>
Total	\$ 603.20
Advertising and Regional Associations:	
Franconia-Easton-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce Art. 15	\$ 495.00
North Country Council Art. 17	<u>198.00</u>
Total	\$ 693.00
Establishment of Trust Fund:	
Trustee of Trust Funds, Easton, NH Art. 8	\$ 300.00
Deed Transfer:	
B. Fortier, Register	\$ 1.00
Taxes Bought By Town	\$ 1,264.96
Tax Sale Costs	26.00
Cemetery:	
Easton Cemetery Committee	\$ 500.00

Tax Map:		\$ 235.00
G. E. Ainsworth & Assoc.		
Investment Certificate		\$ 20,000.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations:		
Virginia Leighton		\$ 241.50
Dog Licenses:		
Virginia Leighton		\$ 30.50
Grafton County Tax		\$ 15,460.00
Easton Free Public Library		\$ 300.00
Franconia Recreation Article 14		\$ 1,100.00
Insurance:		
Concord Group (1)		\$ 1,221.00
Hunkins & Eaton Agency (2)		241.00
Illinois National Ins. Co. (3)		331.00
Hadlock Agency (4)		975.00
Total		\$ 2,768.00
1. Multi Peril Policy		
2. Commercial Blanket Bond, Position Schedule Bond		
3. Workers Comp Renewal		
4. Public Officials and Employees Liability		
Health:		
Durand Cooley		\$ 15.00
Ross Ambulance Art. 10		195.00
Littleton Hospital Art. 16		600.00
White Mountain Mental Health Art. 13		181.50
North Country Home Health Agency Art. 18		<u>212.00</u>
Total		\$ 1,203.50
Social Services:		
Community Action Program Art. 7		\$ 31.00
School Districts:		
Lafayette Regional School District		\$ 26,642.91
Profile School District		<u>23,845.62</u>
Total		\$ 50,488.53
Total 1983 Payments		\$125,212.41

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**  
**for the Year Ending December 31, 1983**

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Rate of Interest	Amt. of Principal	Balance		Expended During Year	Income End of Year
				Income Beginning Year	Income During Year		
1916	R. W. Young	6.75	\$ 100.00	\$ 22.11	\$ 8.67	\$ 8.69	\$ 22.09
1922	P. Kinsman & B. Edwards	6.75	100.00	33.64	9.49	9.51	33.62
1937	Orin G. Bowles	6.75	200.00	157.73	25.40	25.47	157.66
1947	Arthur Pease	6.75	114.00	49.15	10.58	11.61	63.12
1949 & 1979	Charles A. Young	6.75	300.00	59.67	25.53	25.60	59.60
1959	Florence Pease	6.75	200.00	104.09	21.58	21.64	104.03
1966	Whitcomb Tabbutt	10.65	200.00	68.18	30.68	30.76	68.10
1970	Edison M. & Harriet Bailey	6.75	100.00	20.28	8.54	8.56	20.26
1970	Raymond W. Whitcomb	10.65	200.00	40.75	27.56	27.59	40.72
1970	Leighton & Doolan	6.75	71.25	31.71	7.31	7.33	30.69
1971	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles	10.65	100.00	24.33	14.21	14.25	24.29
1971	William & Alice G. Muser	6.75	100.00	17.80	8.37	8.39	17.78
1973	Russell & Iva Stevens	6.75	50.00	12.55	4.43	4.45	12.53
1973	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	6.75	100.00	17.63	8.35	8.37	17.61
1973	L. Gerald Paine	10.65	750.00	120.40	99.61	99.82	120.19
1974	Everett W. Bailey	6.75	100.00	18.06	8.37	8.39	18.04
1975	Howard Bonor	6.75	100.00	20.15	5.58	15.48	10.25
1979	William J. & Lillian Bailey	6.75	200.00	15.33	15.29	15.33	15.29
1979	Merton Edey	6.75	100.00	14.80	16.88	14.80	16.88
1979	Clayton & Sadie Glover	10.40	200.00	25.18	25.12	25.18	25.12
1980	Margaret Wolff	10.75	100.00	11.83	6.07	11.83	6.07
1984	Heinz & Helene Schultz	6.75	300.00	—	—	—	—

All of the above Trusts are for Cemetery Lot Care

All Trusts are invested at The Saver's Bank

TOTALS

\$3,785.25	\$897.20	\$387.62	\$403.05
			\$883.94

## CEMETERY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

This year the Selectmen decided to have the Trustees handle the receipts and payments for the Kinsman Cemetery, which had previously been done by them.

There were numerous favorable comments on the appearance of the cemetery.

We had no burials.

### RECEIPTS

Town appropriation	\$500.00
Income from Trust Funds	403.05
Total Receipts	\$903.05

### EXPENSES

Scott Manning, caretaking	\$792.00
Balance in Checking Account	\$111.05
Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery	
Ruth Towne	
Forrest Libby	
Scott Manning	



## **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Permits were issued for 6 new houses and for 5 additions to existing houses.

It should be noted that state law RSA 153:10-AIII has been enacted requiring automatic fire warning devices on all multi-unit dwellings and all single family dwellings built or rehabilitated after January 1, 1982. The building inspector has a copy of this ordinance if anyone is interested.

Charles C. Chase  
Building Inspector

## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board was not very active during 1983. There was only one request for subdivision approval and it was approved by the Board. There seemed to be very little interest in seeing the Planning Board involved in other areas of regulation. The town of Easton seems to be adequately protected by existing ordinances, and as the feeling of Yankee independence runs strong in this community there seems to be little incentive to have more regulation for regulation's sake.

In the coming year if anyone feels there is a need that should be addressed by the Planning Board they are invited to bring it to the Board's attention.

Dennis Ford, Chairman

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

The Bookmobile has been discontinued. The Librarian and one trustee went to the State Library District Office in Twin Mountain in July. They returned some books and chose 61 to bring back to the Library. A new van known as the Media Van comes here once a month. The first trip was August 17, 1983. Since then it came September 19, October 19, November 22 and December 14. The van will come next on January 18. The Librarian has taken 103 books to be loaned out from the Library. Individuals have borrowed from the van and they are responsible for returning them when the van makes its monthly trip, which is around the middle of each month. The van also carries games, tapes, cassettes, cameras, etc.

Twenty-two books have been donated to the Library this year, also numerous paperbacks. We have sold and discarded 81 books.

Number of visitors .....	106
Number of readers .....	16
Books loaned:	
Adult fiction .....	361
Adult non-fiction .....	111
Juvenile fiction and non-fiction .....	<u>12</u>
Total circulation .....	484

The library is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 2-4 p.m. It is also open during the visit of the Media Van.

Virginia Leighton  
Librarian

## **1983 LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

## RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1983	\$633.17
Receipts during the year/Town Appropriation	<u>300.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$933.17

## **EXPENDITURES**

Librarian's salary	\$200.00
Paint for the Library	14.99
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$214.99</b>
Balance on hand January 1, 1984	\$718.18

THE SADIE N. GLOVER & HELEN J. YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND

Invested with The Saver's Bank, Littleton, NH in a 2½ year Certificate. Date of issue - June 9, 1981 at 12% interest, maturity date December 9, 1983. Investment amount - \$359.32. Renewed December 9, 1983 at 10½% interest, maturity date June 9, 1986. Invested amount - new principal - \$486.98.

Total interest since certificate was issued:

December 1, 1981 & 1982	\$ 74.64
December 1, 1983	55.62
December 1-8	<u>1.28</u>
t earned to December 9, when Certificate was renewed	\$131.54

Total interest earned to December 9, when Certificate was renewed \$131.54

The interest only may be used.

Trustees of Easton Free Public Library  
Margaret T. Whitcomb  
Bernice H. Cutter  
Lorie L. Sherburn

## FIRE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the citizens of Easton of the important job smoke detectors play in early warning of a fire in the home. It has been proven many times by the number of lives saved each year in the United States. I strongly suggest each home have one or two detectors and that existing units be tested and new batteries installed as needed. The State of New Hampshire has put into law that all new homes being built have detectors, and that all multi-unit homes, old or new, have detectors installed.

In 1983 Easton had several chimney fires but no structure fires. With so many homes heating with wood it is inevitable that chimney fires will occur. But with a good maintenance program the number and severity of fires can be reduced. There are several things you should do in the maintenance of your heating system:

1. Clean chimney regularly.
2. Inspect chimney for cracks and flaws.
3. Keep connector pipes (stove pipes) in good condition and tightly screwed together at all joints.
4. Inspect stove for burn-outs and cracks.
5. Maintain proper clearance to combustibles.
6. Keep area surrounding stove clean.
7. Burn dry wood.
8. Keep ashes in metal container.

If you have any questions pertaining to fire prevention, installation and inspection of a heating unit, or other fire related information, please feel free to call me.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Sherburn  
Fire Superintendent

Telephone 823-5649

To report a fire - DIAL 8123.



## **REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER**

Once again, our cooperative town and state forest fire prevention and control program leads the nation in least acres burned per forest fire. Less than one-half acre per fire statewide average.

At the town level, your Forest Fire Warden is responsible for the prevention and control of all grass and woods fires when the ground is not snow covered.

Forest fire prevention is achieved at the town level by issuing a written permit for every fire that is to be kindled on the ground out of doors when the ground is not covered with snow. Each person wishing to have an outside fire must obtain this written permit from the town Fire Warden before kindling the fire. Any person that does not obtain a fire permit, when one is required, is violating our forest fire permit law and is subject to a court appearance and could be fined up to \$1,000 and receive a jail sentence of up to one year.

No fire permit will be issued between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. unless it is raining. The reason for this is twofold: the fire danger increases steadily between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., then subsides to a safe level between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This happens because the sun dries out the fine fuels that are easily ignited and dries the air which permits rapid fire spread. Also during this part of the day fire fighters are not readily available in most communities so an escaped fire could burn longer and cause greater damage before being suppressed.

Your cooperation in burning only when conditions are safe is greatly appreciated.

As Smokey says, "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!"

All forest and brush fires should be reported to the Town Fire Warden.

### **1983 STATISTICS**

	<b>No of Fires</b>	<b>No of Acres</b>
State - NH .....	779	348
District - .....	23	24
Town - Easton .....	0	0

**FOREST RANGER — John Q. Ricard**

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**  
Durand B. Cooley — 823-5207

**DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN**  
William Kenney — 823-5656

## **POLICE REPORT**

### **for the year ending December 31, 1983**

#### **Requests for Police Services:**

85 calls for department response. Of these, part were direct from residents, the others from Grafton County Sheriffs Dispatcher.

#### **Accidents:**

6 investigated and reports filed. No injuries. Speed plus poor road conditions were the cause in all these incidents.

#### **Break-ins & Robberies:**

5 reported. Assisted State Police with investigation resulting in arrest of 3 subjects. 2 cases solved.

#### **Dog complaints:**

The many calls were all investigated and resolved with the cooperation of residents and owners.

DOGS MUST BE LICENSED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30th if dog is 3 months or older, and MUST wear a license tag to comply with NH laws, Chapter 466 R.S.A. The dogs must also have rabies vaccination and tag (442-A).

In March and April I participated in a New Hampshire required training for Part Time Police Officers. Many other hours were spent on investigating accidents and robberies.

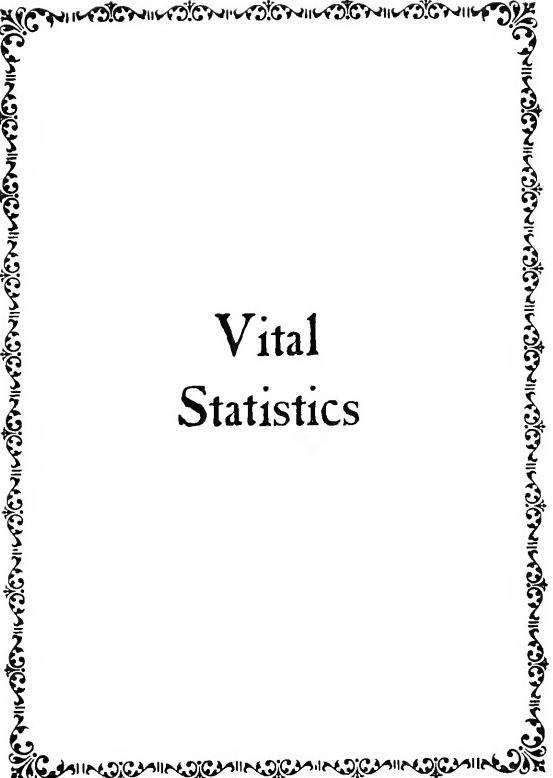
This department has been greatly helped by the Sheriff's Department, State Police, and Franconia/Sugar Hill Police. Their manpower and advice are greatly appreciated.

I have followed the requests of the Selectmen to the best of my ability and appreciate their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Cutter  
Police Chief

Call 823-8548 or 8123



## Vital Statistics

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH**

for the Year Ending December 31, 1983

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
April 26, 1983	Liko Peter Kenney	David T. Kenney	Michele E. Anastopoulos	New Hampshire	Wisconsin
June 28, 1983	Meredith Ellen Coogan	Gerald I. Coogan	Patricia A. Gardner	Maryland	New Jersey
August 22, 1983	Benjamin Nathaniel Harwood	Gary Harwood	Beth L. Gelber	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
August 26, 1983	Nathaniel Kinsman Ever Chelong Skon Miller	John W. Miller	Joanne Kenney	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
September 25, 1983	Aurora Clark Dibner	Daniel Dibner	Victoria A. Clark	Connecticut	Germany

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH**

for the Year Ending December 31, 1983

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married
March 27, 1983 Easton, NH	Stephen R. North Donna S. Cloutier	Easton, NH Littleton, NH	Irving H. North Jeanette Nathan Melvin J. Severance Rowena Chadwick	David E. Svenson Minister Bethlehem, NH
June 19, 1983 Easton, NH	Roland M. Follensbee Susan E. Trench	Easton, NH West Lebanon, NH	Esmond Follensbee Ingrid Schultze Arthur Trench Kathleen Sanders	Otto J. Fink Clergyman Franconia, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH**

for the Year Ending December 31, 1983

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
January 1, 1983	Wendell Wesley Silver	66	M	Truck Driver	Wesley Silver	Alma Bryant
April 18, 1983	Miriam R. Sykes	84	F	Telephone Operator	John Sykes	Mary McElroy

Emergency Telephone Number

**8123**

Fire - Police

Medical Emergency

**Police Officer**

Ed Cutter - 823-8548

**Fire Superintendent**

Stanley Sherburn - 823-5649

